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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview conducted on January 15, 2009, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Interview Summary

On January 15, 2009 the Examiner contacted the Applicant's representative to discuss amendments which would place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner asserted that if claims 1 and 14 were amended, as presented below, the claims would be in condition for allowance. In addition, the Examiner indicated claim 11 would need to be canceled.

In particular, the Examiner requested claim 1 be amended to recite:

1. (Currently Amended) A formwork for a concrete wall, the formwork comprising:
two parallel formwork walls made of metallic latticed panels placed facing each other provided with metallic shaped bars forming vertical stiffeners and

connected by at least one articulated metallic connection device allowing the formwork walls to be maintained either at a distance defining a space to receive a filler such as concrete, or folded for storage and transport, wherein

the at least one articulated metallic connection device includes: a first rectilinear horizontal metallic bar parallel to the first formwork wall and passing through holes in the stiffeners of said first wall,

a second rectilinear horizontal metallic bar parallel to the second formwork wall and passing through holes in the stiffeners of said second wall, said second bar being situated facing the first metallic bar,

and a plurality of metallic connection bars linking perpendicularly the two horizontal bars, said connection bars being articulated around said horizontal bars.

and requested claim 14 be amended to recite:

14. (Currently Amended) The formwork according to claim 12, wherein the framework is maintained, by hooks or fasteners, either on the horizontal bars, or on the upper most connection bars of the ~~last connection device of the upper part of the formwork.~~

On January 16, 2009, the Applicant's representative contacted and gave the Examiner approval to cancel claim 11 and amend claims 1 and 14 as discussed above.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous interview.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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